IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please revise the paragraph which starts on line 10 of page 12 of the present application as follows:

Referring now to FIG. 2, there is schematically illustrated in the form of a block diagram another embodiment of the data service apparatus of the present invention. As in FIG. 2, this AV server is also generally indicated with the reference 30, and it is used with the external storage unit 60 and a certificate server 7073 as well. As will be seen in FIG. 2, the AV server 30 includes a communications circuit 54 in addition to the components of the AV server 30 in FIG. 1. When restoring data the external storage unit 60 in to the information resulted from synthetic combination of information on data to be restored and identification code for the AV server 30 is sent to the certificate server 7073 via the communications circuit 54. It should be noted that the communications circuit 54 can be connected to the certificate server 7073 via a network such as Internet or the like and communications with the certificate server 7073 can be done through encryption.

Please revise the paragraph which starts on line 1 of page 13 of the present application as follows:

As a result, only when a permission of restoration is received from the certificate server-7073, a file backed up in the external storage unit 60 is restored to the HDD 31. Also, server 7073 issues no permission the certificate restoration, AV server 30 will alarm by a the Therefore, this AV server 30 can prevent the file backed up in the external storage unit 60 from being copied illegally.

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Please revise the paragraph which starts on line 6 of page 13 of the present application as follows:

Also, since the communications between the communications circuit 54 and certificate server 7073 are encrypted and even data illegally intercepted and decrypted has a value depending upon data to be restored, it is not possible to extract the identification code for the AV server 30 alone and thus any user information in the AV server 30 will not leak out.